GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS)has issued licenses and standards for almost all the items manufactured in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the effective steps taken by BIS to implement these specified standards;

(d) whether these standards can be diluted by frequent appeals by manufacturers; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that rules are not flouted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)has formulated around 9250 standards pertaining to products of different kinds. However, BIS Certification Marks Licences have been issued to 16471 licensees against 1083 Indian Standards.

(c) to (e): BIS standards are formulated through well structured technical committees which include representatives of all concerned interest-groups including technologists, manufacturers, consumers etc. With a view to ensure that specifications under the relevant Indian Standards are strictly adhered to, BIS undertakes periodical surveillance inspections of its licensees.